



## Vision 2020 Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016  
7:30 PM  
Senior Center, First Floor Conference Room

**Attendees:** Juli Brazile, Amy Goldstein, Sue Doctrow, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Annie LaCourt, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison

**Visitors:**

**Absent:** Josh Lobel, Scott Lever

### 1. **Introduction** and agenda review, approve minutes of March 9, 2016

Minutes were approved pending minor changes to be made following the meeting.

### 2. **Budget**

Diversity requests

Precinct Meeting requests

The group organizing the meeting including Precinct 4 requested funds to help defray rental costs of Hardy space for their meeting, \$280. There was a discussion of what else needs to be done to help promote these meetings in the future, including the different needs of different organizing groups; neighborhood-focused meeting vs. multi-precinct open meeting to discuss the warrant. An idea of suggesting that precincts that share polling places organize together was also proposed. In any event, the Pct 4+ meeting now has 6 precincts so that further justifies some contribution. Voted to give the Pct4+ group \$200 with the understanding that this is not promised for every year. We should not have to cap expenses for the other precinct meetings. Amy will notify Jill Snyder of this decision and convey the message that their meeting is the most expensive. Juli will coordinate payment of the partial rental fee with Jennifer Susse, who made the reservation.

### 3. **Task Group reports or discussion**

Impacting all. Poster at Town Meeting and handouts for the chairs both need to be ready for when Juli gives the report to Town Meeting, most likely during the second week. Events that can be listed on the poster and/or handouts include: Diversity: Stigmas on the poster (plus 2 others, for the handouts); Spy Pond, Trails Day; APA: Chairful Where You Sit July 22-24.

Elisabeth will work on the standup display (update right panel with events) and all will contribute to handout for chairs. Amy will send Elisabeth details of Chairful Where You Sit, Joey will send Spy Pond details, and Mary will send info on the DTG events.

Arlington Public Art. Feast of the East will be June 18. APA will be there and we can ask them to include Vision 2020 brochures in their display, with an optional request (space pending) to display the big Vision2020 board. Amy will be taking a shift at the APA/Chairful tent.

Education Task Group. Scott Lever was officially approved by the School Committee. He will be working with Juli to propose how the Education Task Group can be organized for the fall.

Diversity Task Group. Mary said they've been offered a donation (\$100 honorarium to Bonie for a talk she gave). It is not clear where it should go. It's tricky to pair with a nonprofit but this has been successful in other situations. For example, Annie explained that the AEF acts as fiscal agent for some restricted gifts to school organizations like jazz band. Joey mentioned that the Planning Department keeps an account for contributions to the Arlington Bicycle Advisory group. Joey will inquire with Planning staff or the Comptroller about this or a revolving fund.

Volunteer Celebration in June. Joey suggested Jason Russell House as a possible location, allowing tents on the lawn for example. A number of possible scheduling conflicts were raised including the Mass Ave Phase II meeting. Juli mentioned that last year only 10 were able to attend. Annie suggested a breakfast instead and Juli will run that idea by the Task Group chairs. A possible site, if it is early enough to use the parking, is Whittemore Robbins House.

#### Open Space Committee – Vision 2020 Representative

Ann LeRoyer has asked that an official Vision 2020 representative join the Open Space Committee. We have people on it already who play other roles (e.g. David White) but David White suggested that an East Arlington person would be good. Spy Pond committee was asked but nobody has indicated interest. We will ask Sustainable Arlington if any of them want to join. The Vision 2020 representative does not need to be from the Standing Committee.

### **4. Advisory Board Planning Meeting**

This meeting should be after June 18 because there is too much else going on. Juli will set up another Doodle poll. Juli prepared a draft agenda for it, proposing focus on the Education and Culture and Recreation goals. Discussion will include the network mapping and rewriting wording of the goals. Suggestions will also be sought for next goals to discuss.

We discussed Adria Arch's answers to the Culture and Recreation goal form. (She will come to the Advisory Board meeting and participate in the discussion.) Elisabeth suggested that, when filling it out, people consider examples of outcomes that followed from the goal and asked if this could be captured in instructions. Another suggestion was to reorder the form so the question that addresses network mapping (5) is given first. Other suggestions included providing examples for each goal and rewording the form to make sense to the Advisory Board. We won't work together on the goals in advance but, instead, everyone will fill these out and come in open minded to the Advisory Board meeting. After the goals discussion, we should address what Vision 2020 needs to be doing, how it can involve more residents, etc. Annie suggested convening something that functions like a "leadership council" meeting representing groups working around each goal. Also noted in the discussion was the interest in changing the name "goals" to something else, "aspirations" or "missions"?

### **5. Survey 2016**

Juli said that the Vision 2020 report to Town Meeting usually consists of a one-page memo listing our Articles before TM (this year only water bodies) and major issues as an organization, and a few pages summarizing survey data. The report will definitely mention the record response this year.

Beyond the Town Meeting report, there will be a final report on the Survey. For that, Juli will try to get feedback from groups sponsoring the original questions as to what they learned from the survey data. Last year there was a low response by those groups and we will try harder to find out what they learned and how they used it. In addition, we can work with the groups as to what kind of data they hope to extract from the findings. These results of this will be part of the final, full report. Sue will work with the Recreation department on the dog park questions. Amy, Juli and Annie will work on the Precinct Meeting questions. Juli might emphasize the Precinct Meeting data as an example in her Town Meeting report, and ask for input from other Town Meeting Members and the Moderator to help inform the final report.

#### **6. Survey 2017**

People have already suggested topics for the next survey and there might be a lot related to new school building issues, moving the Arlington Center of the Arts, and related building-shuffling issues. The CPA committee would like to ask questions because they need to come up with a CPA Plan. We will give the Town Manager first dibs on what will go in 2017 survey because he has many questions in mind.

#### **7. Standing Committee membership**

Joey, Josh and Mary's terms will end in June. We should think about transitions and new people who might want to join.

#### **8. New Business – none**

Submitted by Sue Doctrow